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EXPLOITATION OF CHILD LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the maltreatment being given to the child labours in various industries in the country;

(b) the number of child labours who dies due to exploitation in industries during the last three years;

(c) the details of steps taken by the Government to protect child labour in industries; and

(d) the amount allocated for this purpose to different States for 2002-2003?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) to (d): No specific instance has come to the notice of the government. Employment of children below the age of 14 is prohibited in 13 Occupations and 57 Processes listed in the schedule to the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986. The Central and State Governments are responsible for enforcement of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 in their respective spheres. Employers found employing children in Occupations and Processes prohibited under the Act are prosecuted under the provisions of the Act. The number of child labour who died due to exploitation in industries is not maintained.

Apart from enforcement of law, government is implementing the scheme of National Child Labour Projects(NCLPs) for the rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work. An amount of Rs.68.50 crore has been allocated for the scheme for the year 2002-2003. As per the provisions of the scheme, funds are released directly to the District Child Labour Project Societies.